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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/27/02
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4 Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

Office Action Summary

Art Unit: 1616

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

(e) the invention was described in–

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

Claim*** rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(***) as being *** by ***.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to

make and/or use the invention. These claims are beyond the scope of the specification, as only a limited form (with antimicrobial inorganic, of sufficient concentration) of sol gel film has been shown to be sufficient to provide kill rate of 0.5.

Claims 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuno et al 5234717.

See example 1-sol gel silicate on glass in fact meets the instant claims to hard surface substrates coated with a sol-gel. Therefore the same functionality attends Matsuno as does the instant invention as claimed-antibacteriacidal to klebsiclla, even after heating and soaking in base 48 hours. If measured, the effects on bacteria would be those of the instant claims, since the hard surface is the same.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sherman-US20020005145.

Here, too, a sol :gel film is applied (summary) to hard surfaces (p.3, p.14,0219), incorporating metal oxides (p.13,0208, at colloidal size (p. 14, 0212). Efficacy as antibacterial was shown (p.14, 0224,p15,0226). The instant invention claims a coated hard surface, with testing conditions also claimed. However, these conditions are the result of the use of the claimed compositional components, and these components are shown by Shexuman. One would find if the same tests were carried out by Sherman, the same results-lack of heat /melt distortion, kill rate-would be found.

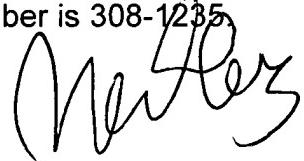
Claim^{1-23 one} rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oku et al 5882808.

See col. 3, lines 13-43-silver ion exchange compounds and other metals incorporated in hard surface coatings are able to impact resistance to heat and bactericidal effects to the substrates (col.4, lines 46-65), and example 13. Although Klebsiclla was not tested, a number of bacteria were (col.7) and one would find, since the compositions are the instant, the test results would be, too.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is 308-2412. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday- Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jose Dees can be reached on 308-4628. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 308-4242 for regular communications and 872-9307 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 308-1235.



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